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Docket No. 98P-0151/CP1

Dear Dr. Friedman,

I agree with the goal of the petition to prohibit the trade in downed animals by removing the financial incentive to keep these sick animals alive unless necessary veterinary care is given promptly. Euthanasia, performed when an animal is no longer able to walk or stand, is the most humane treatment of non-ambulatory farm animals destined for slaughter.

I agree with the points this petition brings up, including:

1) Federal government regulations already prohibit "diseased" animals from being slaughtered and used for human food.

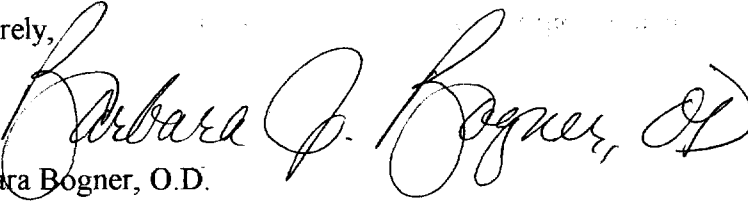
2) Animals unable to walk are already categorized by the government as "diseased."

So please consider downed animals (non-ambulatory) "diseased" and prohibited from being marketed.

I think the treatment of factory farm animals is horrible. Downed animals, suffering with broken limbs, neck, or back, or suffering from disease, continue suffering hours on end until they finally expire on their own. This is brutally inhumane. To deny these docile creatures the necessity of quick euthanasia is horribly wrong. Please enforce the details of this petition.

Thank you for your time.

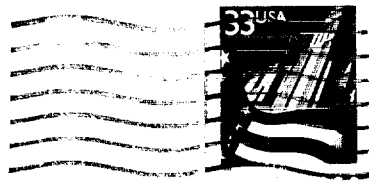
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